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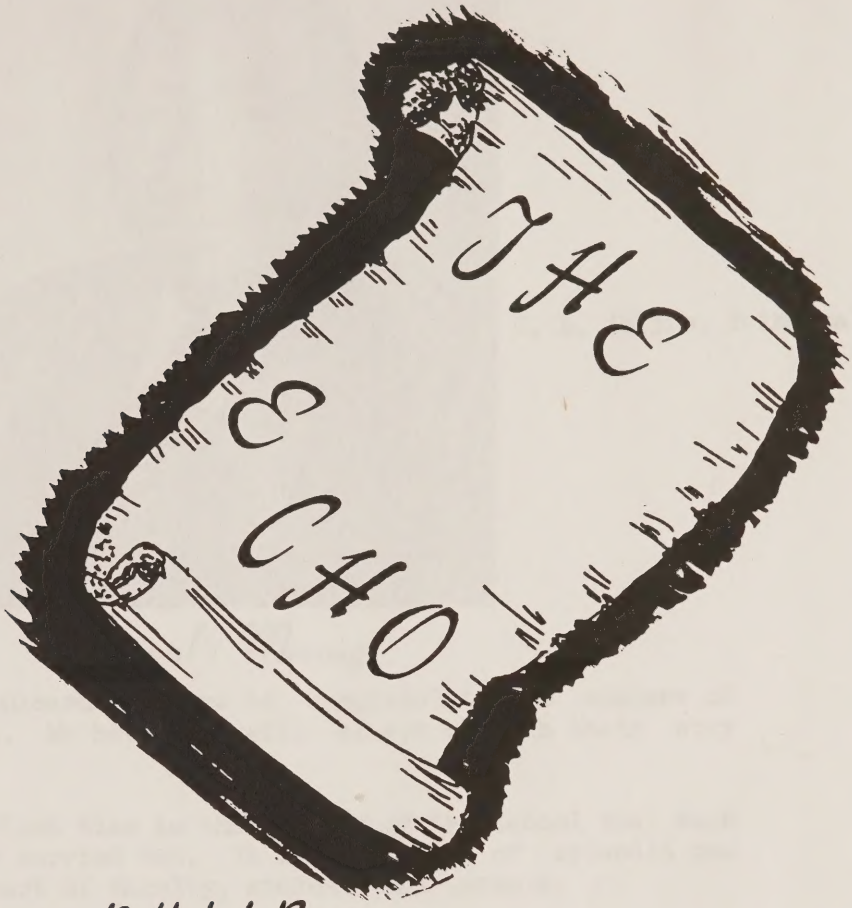

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C. L. Atkins, Principal

Principal's Message

It is a real pleasure for us to congratulate the members of this present class. We hope they will always cherish their stay here.

This is the first time in the history of the school that such a project has been carried out. It is good proof of splendid co-operation on the part of faculty, students and parents.

It has been encouraging to know that a majority of this class has been willing to complete the twelve year program. It is our hope and desire that after they shall have gone from under our care and supervision, they will make a definite contribution to themselves, their county, state and nation.

Again, we congratulate you for this achievement.

Louise H. Prunty, Secretary

Dedication

TO OUR PARENTS

Four years of shaping our lives as we have seen fit, has instilled in us the consciousness of the unfailing love, the unwearied toil, and the constant thought that our parents have lavished upon us. Now that we are about to enter upon the stage of life away from their loving care and wise guidance, it is indeed fitting that we give to them some token of our appreciation that will live and last through years to come. Therefore, to the ones we hold most dear-Our Mothers and Fathers—we dedicate this volume of the Echo with grateful love and lasting loyalty.

Dedication

TO THE PRINCIPAL

Under whose wise guidance we, the class of '55, have been able to accomplish what we have, and we believe that if any success should be ours in the future; it will be the result of the noble example he has set. In appreciation thereof, we dedicate this volume of the Echo.

Faculty Play

MAMA'S ANGLE CHILD

A Three Act Comedy

Cast

Mrs. Charmer, a young widow——————Miss S. J. Short

Daphne Charmer, her daughter——Miss Juette Richardson

Ellen, an old family servant————Mrs. M. A. Holland

Horace Bagley, a millionaire————Mr. R. R. Mullins

Dick Armstrong, his stepson——————Mr. G. C. Finney

Willoughby, Bagley's man-servant——Mr. S. M. Hawkins

Miss Kreech, a spinster——————Miss E. L. Goode

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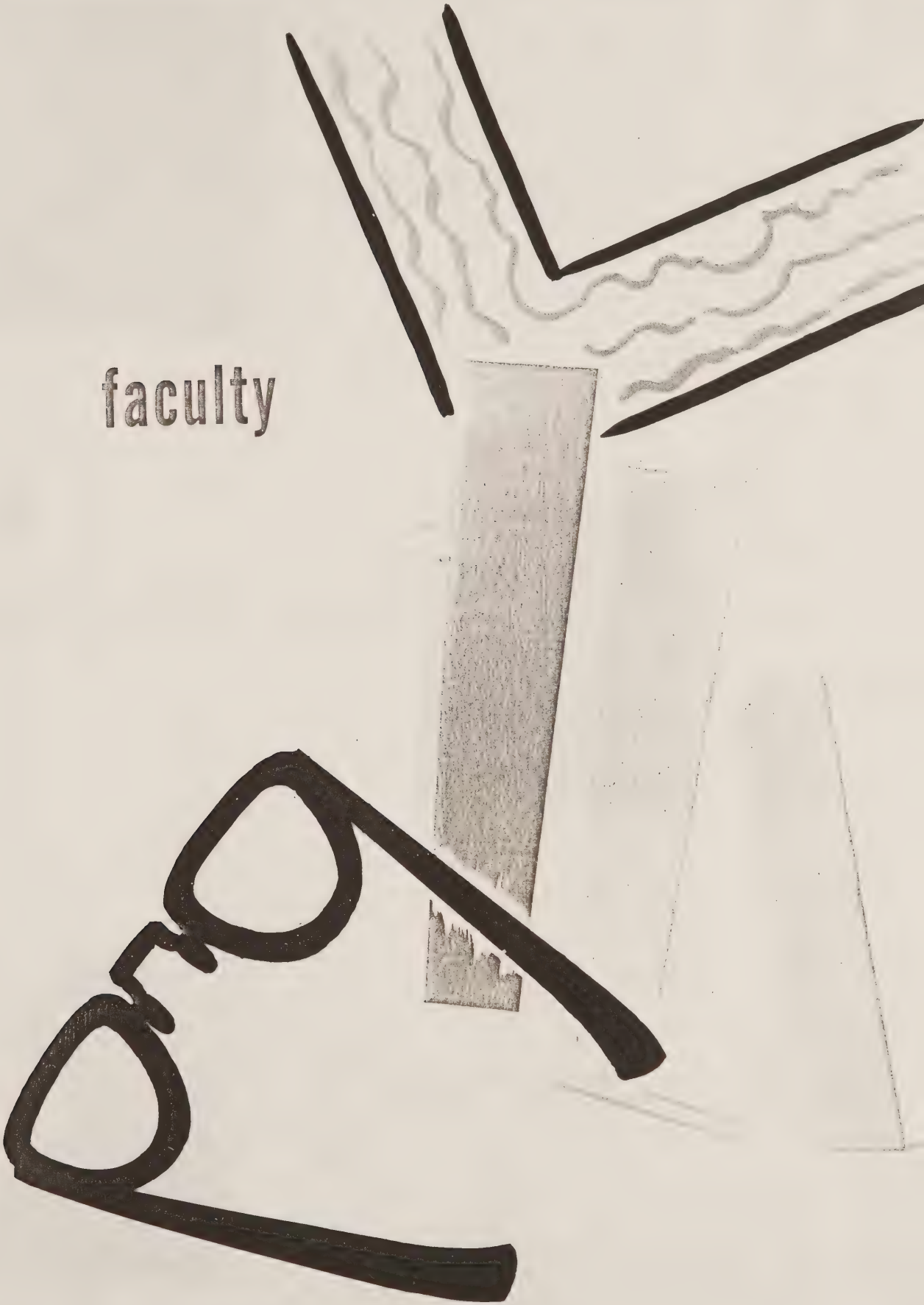

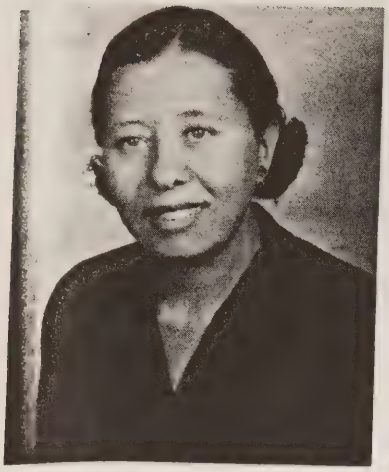

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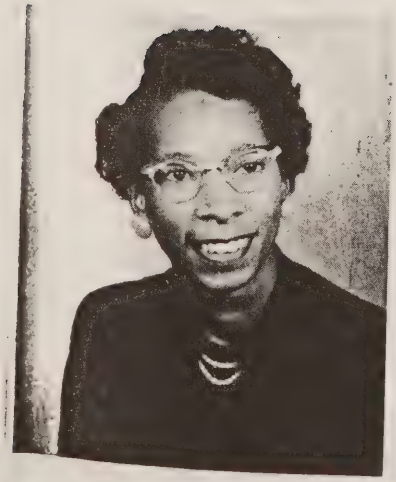

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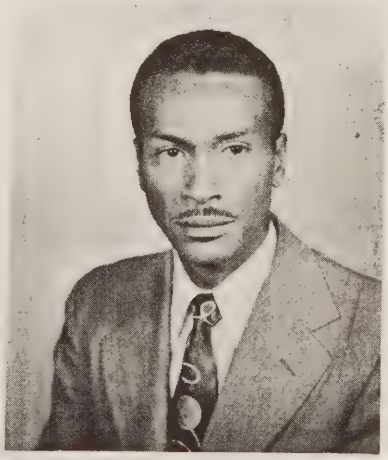

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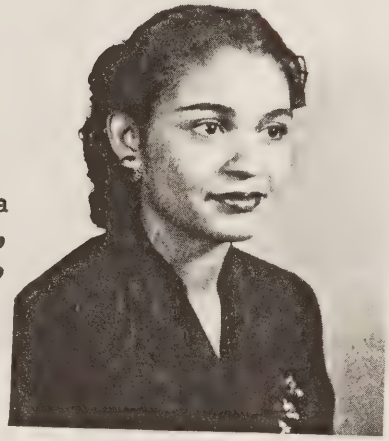

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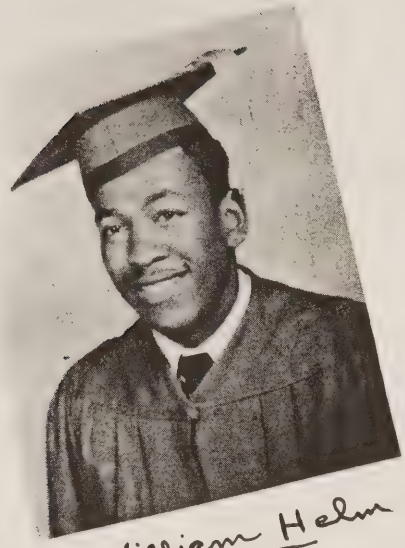

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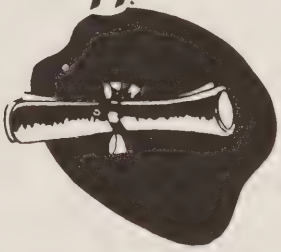

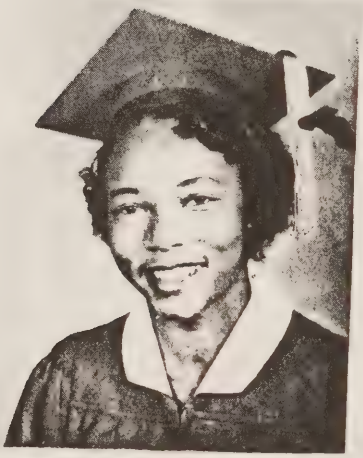

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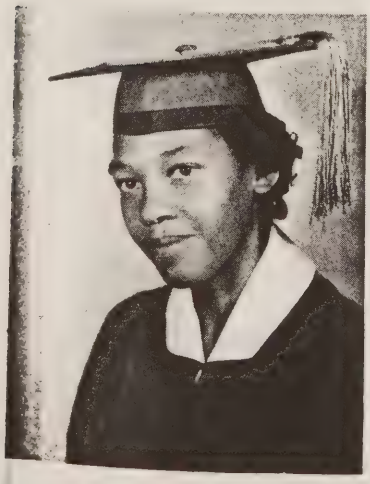

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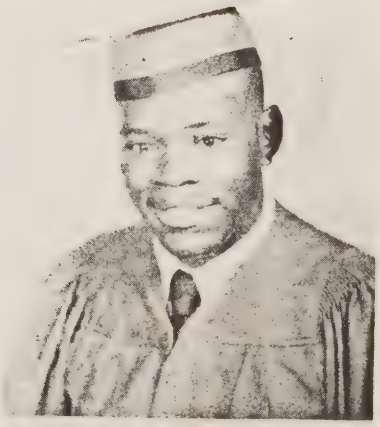

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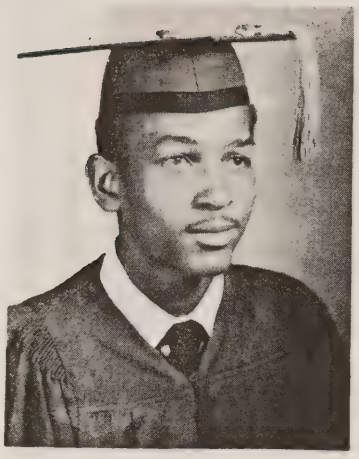

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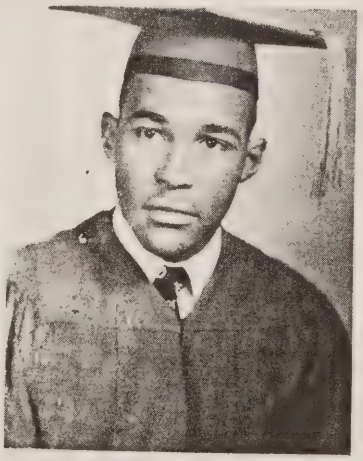

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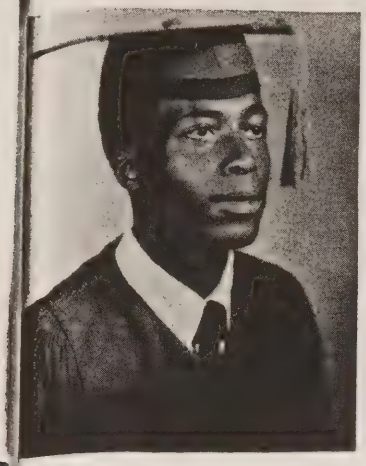

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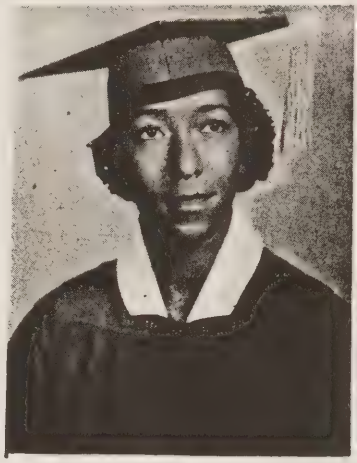

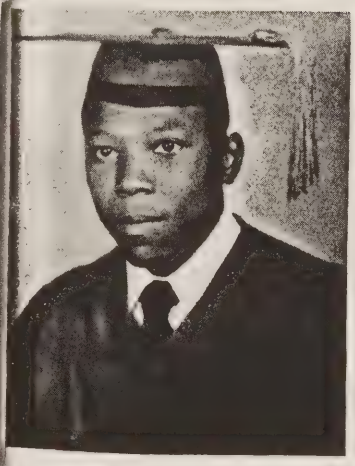

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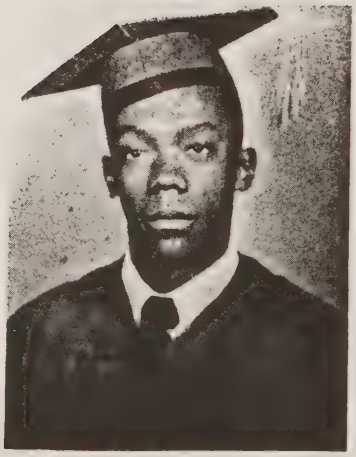

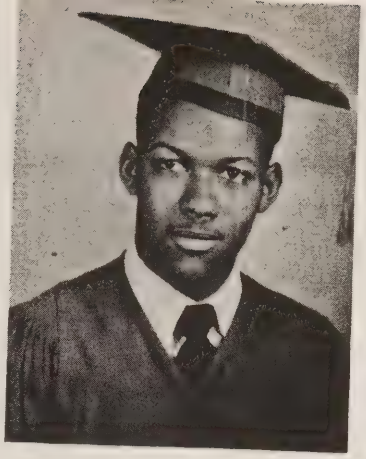

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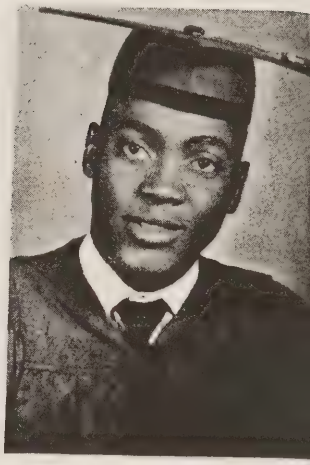

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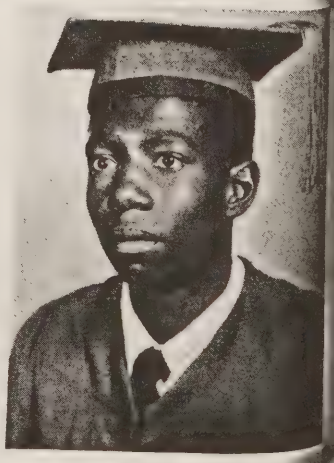

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Buford Mack, now serving in The U. S. Navy.

Joe E. Mattox

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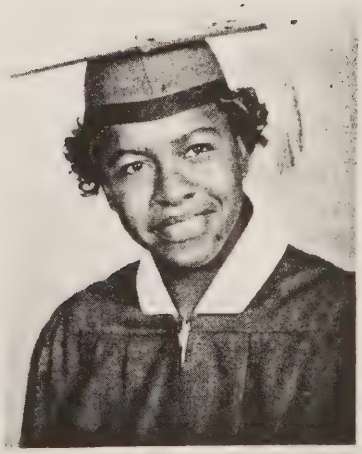

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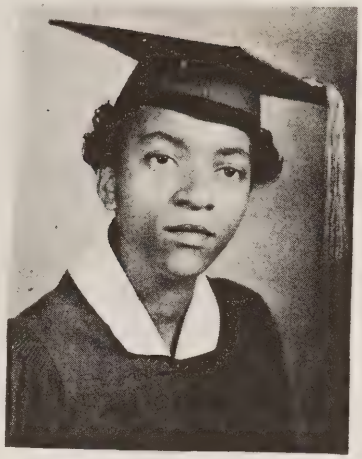

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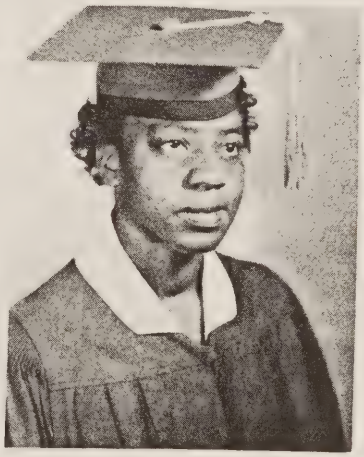

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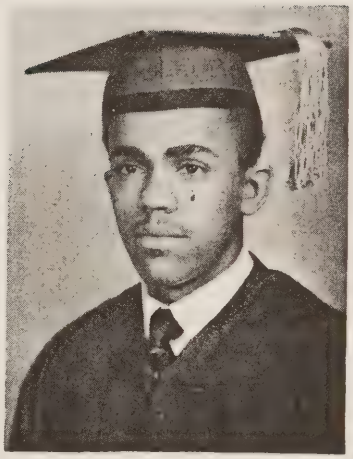

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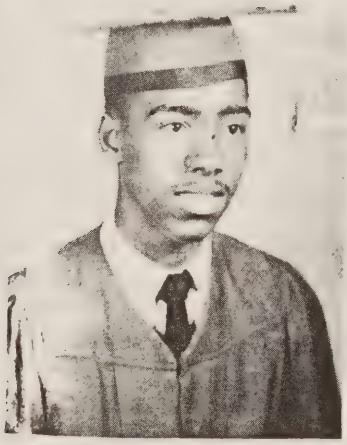

Ralph Wade

Class History

It was a bright sunshiny day in September of 1951, when the propos Seniors of 1955 appeared for the first time at the Franklin County Traini School. For a while we were the "Greenhorns" on the campus; a class of members, under the supervision of Mrs. Marie G. Roberts and Mr. Samuel Hawkins. Our class was divided into two sections, 9A and 9B respectivel We eagerly took part in the various activities carried on in the schoo For the first time the Student Council of Franklin County Training Scho was organized, with Gerald Noel and Joseph D. Patterson representing o class. Gerald Noel serving as Secretary.

We also sponsored a Baby Contest for the purpose of financing o class, whereby we would be able to entertain the Seniors of '54. Anothe activity of interest was during the Annual May Day Festival, when fo members of our class, Civics under the direction of Mrs. A. A. Hicks, par ticipated in a Panel Discussion. Theme: "School and Why We Have Them. This discussion was beautifully carried on by Mary Saunders, Florella Hel Marlene Cooke and Barbara Potter.

The following year, we as Sophomores of 1952 entered school more deter mined to succeed than ever before. Our class consisted of 68 members Under the supervision of Mr. Samuel M. Hawkins, we were still divided int two groups, A and B. This year we experienced many new phases of life Florella Helm represented us as Secretary of the Student Council along wit her was Dorothy Cooke. During the same year; Marie Edwards, Mary Saunders Mary Phelps, Mary Ross, Barbara Potter, Florella Helm and Rachel Edward were the faithful members of the Girls' Glee Club.

In March of 1952 the Girls' Glee Club went to George Washington Carve High School in Fieldale, Virginia, to participate in the Regional Festival After rating Superior we were prepared to participate in the State Festiva at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia. On the Second Sunday i April, 1952, we participated in the Alumni Association program at the Firs Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, Virginia, in which the Reverend T. Euell Hopkin of Washington, D. C. was the guest speaker. He complimented the Glee Clu highly and offered the group a free trip to Washington, D. C. Did we accept Yes.

It was a pleasant morning on April 24, when we boarded the Greyhound at the Training School, leaving for Washington, D. C., the Capitol City. Before leaving Virginia, we visited Natural Bridge; one of the Seven Wonder of the world. This was our first exciting moment. After traveling approximately 200 miles, we reached the city of Washington, D. C., where we were greeted by Rev. Hopkins at Howard University. After lunch at the University, we were escorted to the Barksdale Hotel. On that very night we rendered a recital at the First Baptist Church. Saturday morning was another day of interest in which we toured the city. Places of importance were the White House, Washington and Lincoln's Memorials, birthplace of George Washington, and the Nation's Capitol. Our visit ended with a recital at Rehoboth Baptist Church after which Rev. Hopkins entertained the group with a most palatable

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This year we also organized our first basketball team. Mary Saunders, Marie Edwards and Mary Phelps were among the notorious players on the team. The Baseball Team of 1952 consisted of seven members of our class; Ben Edwards, Joe D. Patterson, Buford Mack, Cletis Freeman, Ralph Wade, Joe E. Mattox, Gerald Noel, with Mr. S. M. Hawkins as Coach.

The Training School underwent their first Safety Patrol Squad, under the direction of Mr. S. M. Hawkins. The squad consisted of 24 members; 8 members from the Senior Class: Ben Edwards, Claude Watson, John Clayborne, Cletis Freeman, Andrew Brown, Ralph Wade, William Helm and Floyd Holland.

JUNIORS: Finally, we reached the place to express ourselves by being the type of young men and women it would take to walk in the footsteps where juniors for so long had trod. We were very anxious to progress and appreciated the opportunities given us.

The important events were the "Hillybilly Masquerade" and the "Junior-Senior Prom," under the leadership of Mrs. Gladys B. Smith, our Sponsor. Although it was a part of our activities, we must admit they were the most exciting and thrilling events of the school season.

This year we had three members of our class to be represented in the Student Council: Martha Edwards, Florella Helm, and Mary Saunders.

Continuing our musical ability; Martha Edwards, Edith Tuning, Mary Saunders, Mary Phelps, Mary Ross, Marie Edwards, Barbara Potter, Florella Helm and Rachel Edwards again made their appearance in concert. The Glee Club gave a recital in the County Training School Auditorium in the Spring of '54: Mrs. S. M. Hicks, Director.

The members of the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams were: Mary Saunders, Marie Edwards, Florella Helm, Mary Phelps, Rachel Edwards, William Helm, Gerald Noel, Claude Watson, David Clayborne, Ben Edwards and Joe Mattox.

Gerald Noel was Vice-President of N. F. A. and William Helm, Treasurer.

Our Junior Year went by pleasantly, and at last on September 6, 1954, we faced both happy and sad moments as Seniors; happy for our successful years in High School, and sad because the last moments were approaching for us to leave our fellow students and our school on the Rock.

In organizing our successful class of 29 members, William Helm took the gavel in his hand as President, aiding him were Florella Helm, Vice-President; Mary Saunders, Secretary; Marie Edwards, Assistant Secretary; Joe Mattox, Financial Secretary; Rachel Edwards, Corresponding Secretary; Etta Holland, Treasurer; and Gerald Noel as Sergeant-at-Arms.

On Saturday, October 16, 1954 we were invited to A. and T. Col Greensboro, North Carolina for "All Senior Day." It was very educat as well as exciting. For a long time we had looked forward for this day were afraid that Hurricane Hazel, who visited us on Friday, would kee from making the trip.

October 23, 1954, gave us a chance to participate in a 4-H Ach ment Day Parade. The parade was lead by the Drum-Bugle Corps of Fra County Training School. The Buglers and Drummers included Mary Saun Mary Phelps, Claude Watson, Ben Edwards, Florella Helm and Rachel Edw members of our famous class. This was a time when all 4-H'ers, as as other participants gave a real show off. Marie Edwards ran for N. F. A." in the contest. Although she was not the winner, she re on the throne where she served as one of the Queen's Attendants. marked another milestone for the class of '55.

In 1954-1955 Gerald Noel served as President of the N. F. A., Joe Mattox as Secretary, Buford Mack as Treasurer, Cecil Edwards Parliamentarian and Ben Edwards as Watchman. Florella Helm served President of the Student Council along with Marie Edwards, Barbara Pc and Etta Holland as members.

The history of our class has just about come to an end. For long years we have worked hard together, our struggles have been a ben and a success. It is true that some changes have been made since that off September morning. Perhaps you may find it hard to believe, but we that same Freshman Class, who have now become Seniors.

Under the efficient leadership of our sponsor, Mrs. W. J. Hicks, has aroused us to the sense of our duties; we wish to express to her gratefulness for her patience and consideration.

We are now waiting for the approaching of the future when we take places in the world. We wait patiently, with tears in our eyes for J 3, 1955, when we leave our school behind us, and say to our fellow stude who are in our footsteps as the poet said in the "Psalms of Life:"

"Lives of great men all remind us,
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And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the Sand of Time."

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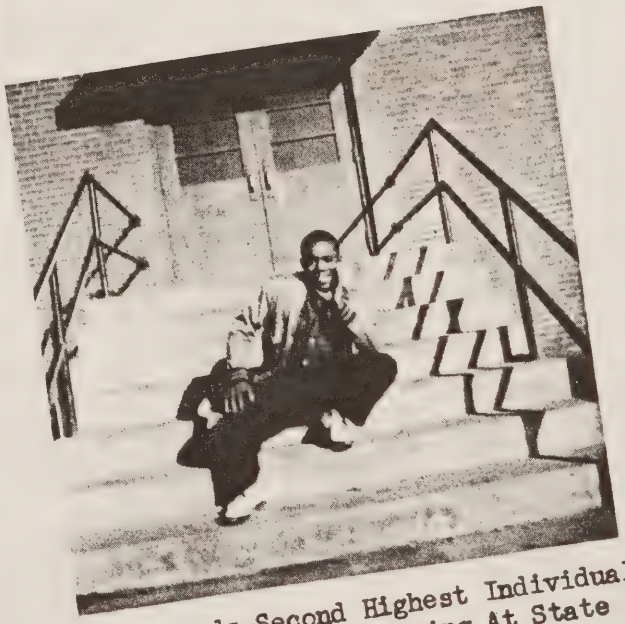

Ben Edwards-Second Highest Individual
Score in Livestock Judging At State
Convention-Petersburg, Virginia

Last Will and Testament

We, the Senior Class of '55 of Franklin County Training School, the town of Rocky Mount, and the State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory do therefore make and declare this testimony to be our last will and testament.

ARTICLE I

To our principal, Mr. C. L. Atkins, we wish to express our gratitude for his inspiring efforts to help us accomplish successfully our first step in life.

ARTICLE II

To the faculty—who has our gratefulness for their untiring support and our deep appreciation for their endless efforts to motivate our success. We know we have been problems and have been accused of such; therefore, we ask forgiveness for all the worries with which we have confronted them.

ARTICLE III

To the Juniors—when they take our places as Seniors next year, we wish them much success and will them both our dignity and potentialities.

ARTICLE IV

To the Sophomore Class, we bequeath our ability to act as young men and women which we know will aid them in the future.

ARTICLE V

We will our pleasing personality, tact, neatness, and gaiety to the Freshman Class hoping that it will use these qualities to its best advantage.

ARTICLE VI

I, William Helm, will Jimmy Patterson "Hawks All Star" my left hand hook in basketball; to Lynwood Basham, my ability to become a dancer for '55 and '56.

I, Andrew Cobbs, will my form to Lee Roy Charity so he can be like a '40 Ford.

I, Elsie Stockton, will Edna Holland my ability to control my temper.

I, Cecil Edwards, will good luck to Marie Potter as she prepares for the future; my everlasting love to Caroldene Witcher.

I, Mary Ross, will Shirlene O'Neal my height.

I, Buford Mack, will to Charles Edwards my spirit of sportsmanship in basketball and baseball.

I, Rachel Edwards, will Betty Edwards my place in the Drum Bugle Corps, hoping she will take an active part in it; and I will to Charles Edwards my lasting devotion.

To Jimmy Patterson I, Andrew Brown, will my great tenor voice, so he can make a living in years to come. "Take good care of my voice, Jimmy, and do not strain it."

I, Raymond Brown, will my sportsmanship and ability to Jimmy Patterson; and to Lee Roy Charity, my agricultural ability to strive for higher standards.

I, Claude Watson, will my height and ability to play basketball to Leroy Holland.

I, Catherine Bonner, will my ability to see no evil, speak no evil and hear no evil to Helen Berger; and to Irene Fuller I will my ability to dance.

I, Cletis Freeman, will my hot rod to Charles Edwards so that he can get to basketball practice in '55 and '56.

I, William Brown, wish to will my sincere friendship to Mary Lucy Wade.

I, Floyd Holland, will my devoted heart to Alberta Ramsey. "Prize it, 'Bert,' and do not break it."

I, Gerald Noel, will to Clarence McGhee my height, hoping that with his ability, he may become a successful basketball player; and to Jimmy Patterson I will my knowledge and co-operation in agriculture with the hope that in his Senior year he may become an officer of N. F. A.

I, Rachel Dent, will my ability to walk to Mary Parker.

I, Glodean Taylor, will to Martha Kasey my small waist line, and my quiet and steady way; and to Curtis Clayborne I will my love and affection.

To whom it may concern: I, Marie Edwards, will my ability to get along with others; and to Edna Holland I leave my spirit of good sportsmanship.

I, Mary Phelps, leave my fighting ability as a guard on the basketball team to Lelia Helm hoping she will conquer her forward play successfully.

To whoever needs it: I, Barbara Potter will my slow, graceful walk; and to Irene Fuller I leave my cherished vocal ability.

I, Etta Holland, will to Georgia Dennis my ability to get along with others; and to Melvin Brooks my everlasting devotion.

I, Mary Saunders, leave my unique basketball ability to Dorothy Brooks; and to Gloria Tyree my gift of co-operation to play with all members of the team.

I, Eulalar Starkey, will to Sarah Taylor my ability to laugh and talk in a moderate tone, hoping she will use it, and appreciate it to the highest degree.

I, Ralph wade, will Jimmy Patterson my hot rod so he can get to basketball practice; also my initiative so that he may talk to the girls with more ease.

To Dorothy Brooks, Gloria Tyree, Alberta Ramsey and Mary Young, I, Florella Helm bequeath my ambitious ability to "see all, hear all, and know all." To whomever it may concern: I leave my everlasting friendship, dignity, potentialities and my endeavors to succeed in all scholastic activities.

I, David Clayborne, humbly will my great voice to Jimmy Patterson so he may become the baritone soloist of Franklin County Training School's Chorus next year.

I, Benjamin Edwards, hereby will my attitude to be a crybaby in basketball to Joe Louis Canaday, which I received from Claude Watson.

I, Joe Mattox, will Jimmy Patterson my position on the basketball team, and to Robert Muse my ability to become an officer of The N. F. A. and develop the qualities of leadership.

I, Vernell Mack, will my height to Geraldine Smith.

With the above given will and testimony, we, the Senior Class of '55 feel as we go forth in life that we can rest assuredly in peace.

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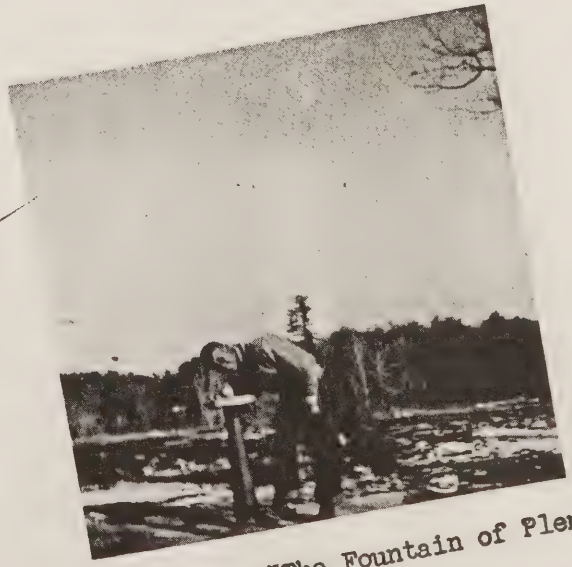

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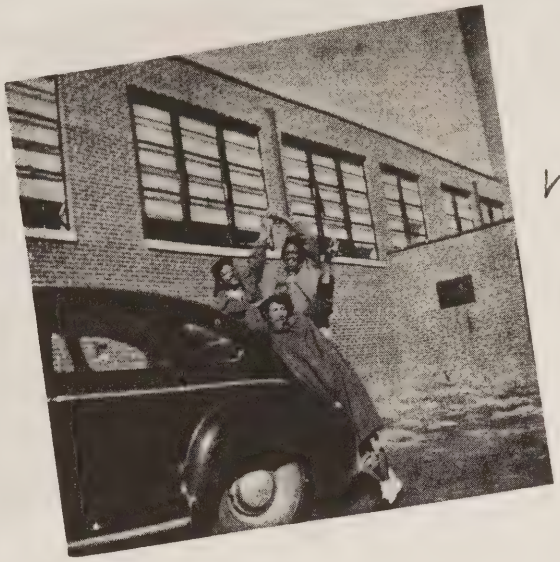
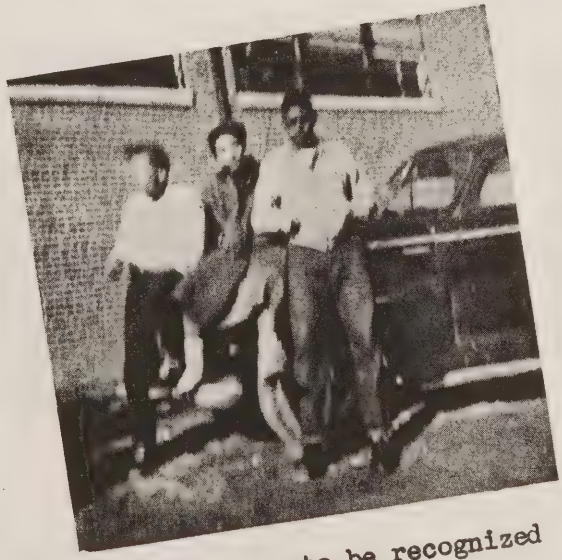


Farewell F. C. T. S. "YOU UPSET US"

"The Holy Terrors"



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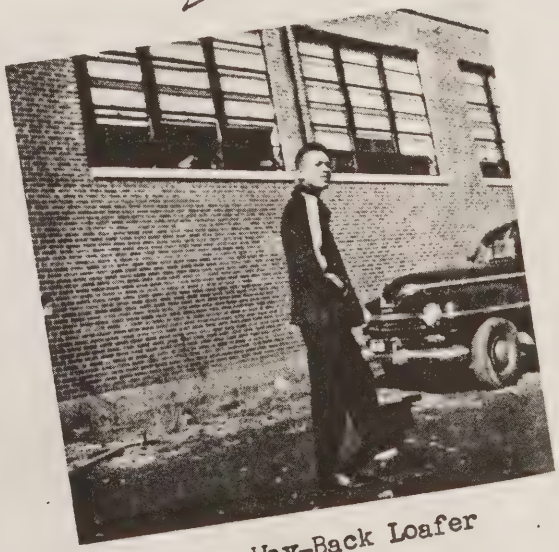

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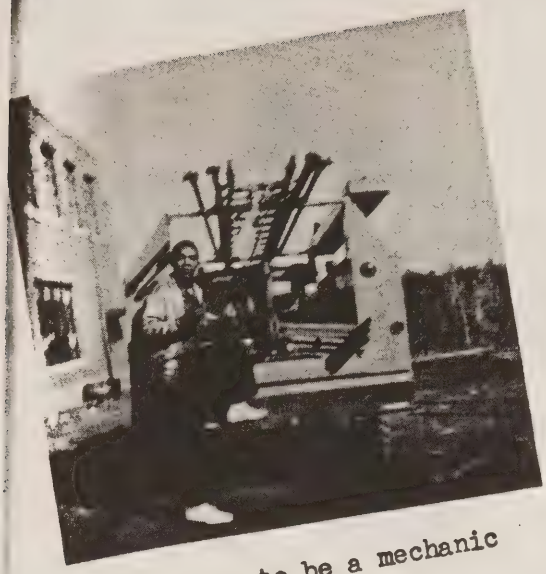

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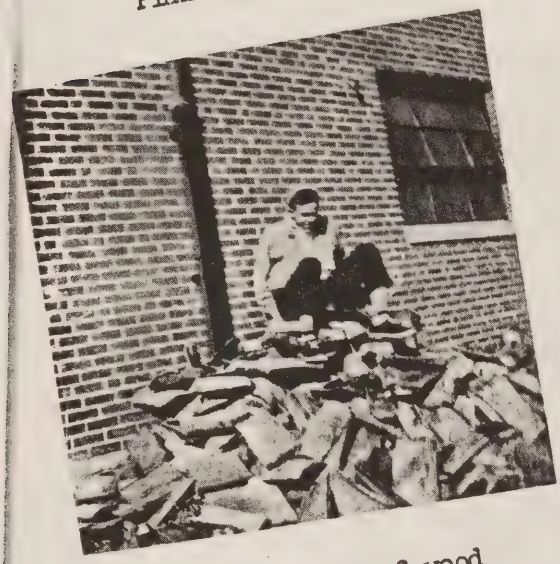

Clowning on a pile of wood

On our way to Washington, D. C.

"The Chevrolet Riders"

Hungry

Pig's Friend

"The Kids" with the "Hearts of Stone"

"Corner Stooge"

"The Flirts"

Class Prophecy

California 1969

It was a beautiful day in San Francisco when I boarded the American Airlines for Europe. As president of CIO, I take annual trips to all parts of the world. This happened to be the biggest and happiest trip of all because, as I went from place to place I met my old Classmates of '55. Upon boarding the plane, I was amazed to see Raymond Brown pilot and Cecil Edwards co-pilot. After traveling about two hours, I learned that Cletis Freeman was chief cook and his wife, Marie Edwards, was a stewardess. Because of a slight headache, I approached Elsie Stockton, who was one of the waitresses, concerning some medicine. Immediately Nurse Rachel Edwards came to my aid.

Shortly afterwards there was a crash landing and I was forwarded to Saint Phillips Hospital in Paris, France. Recovering three days later, I learned that Gerald Noel was practicing medicine there and Glodean Taylor was head Nurse. After inquiring about one of the largest hotels in the city, I was sent to Hotel De France owned and operated by William Helm and his wife, Barbara Potter. For an evening of entertainment I went to Baldwin's Night Club to see the world's most famous movie actress, Mary Saunders. The next morning I decided to leave for London, England. Upon arriving at the ticket stand, I felt a slight tap on the back. When I turned, I came face to face with Catherine Bonner. Chatting for awhile, I learned that she was on her way to Rome to play the leading Ballet role in "Ballets Go West."

Wanting the fastest and latest train, I was instructed to the schedule of the Powhatan Arrow, I was definitely amazed with joy when I was told Benjamin Edwards was Conductor and William Brown, engineer. I was informed I was lucky to see Ben because he was on his last trip for about two or three weeks. We talked endlessly all the way and my trip seemed very short. When he sounded off London, England and the train stopped, it was a lift to have a Red Cap take my heavy luggage. I had walked exactly two flights of stairs and entered the lounging room, when I noticed a face extremely familiar to me. Being new and wanting to make friends, I introduced myself. It was then that I learned he was Floyd Holland. Not knowing any place and wanting a cab, he gave me information on how to telephone Joe Mattox, the owner and operator of the Yellow Cab Company, to reserve a cab for the day. To arouse my interest Joe held me in suspense as to whom this close friend of mine would be. Nevertheless, I waited patiently for my cab to arrive. Fifteen minutes later, I was astonished to know Andrew Cobbs had worked himself up in society. Riding along in a new Limousine, we shared each other's interests, business and social life. I readily accepted his invitation to tea and was greatly surprised to find his sweet little wife to be none other than Vernell Mack. Their spacious modern home was surprise enough, saying nothing about their two healthy, adorable children. Due to the change of climate, I felt a slight throat irritation and was carried to Mack's Drug Store where Buford Mack was pharmacist. It was then time for me to continue my touring before leaving. For safe travel, I decided to run by the

First National Bank to cash a check. There I ran into Ralph Wade and we conversed for a short while. I learned he was head of Wade's Cleaners, owned six apartments in different sections of the city, and was married to a German Girl with three children. My time was running short, but I decided to take a shot at my train by ending the dream I had dreamed for so long. To do so, I ran by the University of London and saw Mary Phelps, Dean of Women and Claude Watson, Boys' Basketball Coach. I learned that the University had had an unbeaten team ever since Coach Watson accepted the job seven years ago. I was surprised to see Etta Holland as an instructor at Yale University. She informed me she was working on her Doctorate Degree in Sociology and hoped to graduate in the Spring. I decided to take a cab instead of trying to catch a train. My second set back happened 45 minutes later when the cab ran into a swift moving van truck. For cuts, bruises, and broken bones; I was put in Berkeley Memorial Hospital in Liverpool to undergo serious surgery. Wanting to see the doctor, who was to do the work, I agreed to stay there instead of going back to St. Phillips in France. I was relieved from both pain and shock when Dr. David Clayborne walked into my room, accompanied by his helpmate, Nurse Rachel Dent. After I underwent surgery and recovered slightly, I learned I would have to remain in the hospital for 14 long days. I was panic stricken at the thought of staying in a strange place, knowing no one. I had been there seven days before I had a visitor. The morning of the eighth day, I was awakened by two most welcomed visitors, Andrew Brown and his wife, Mary Ross. They told me they didn't know there was anyone in the hospital whom they knew and certainly not I. They also told me they had been out of town for four days and only came by the hospital by mere accident to pray with the patients. I was overjoyed when he told me he was pastor of the largest Baptist Church in the town— The First Baptist. We talked at length on different subjects, and I told them of our many classmates I had seen at different times. After they had gone, I felt better than I had in several days. Time went by very fast and I didn't know where I would go after the 14 days were up. On the twelfth day I had been there, Nurse Dent came in my room all smiles, asking me to guess what she had in her hands behind her. After I couldn't guess, she presented me a letter. With much surprise, I read the signature over and over again, signed by Eulalor Starkey. She stated she learned from her pastor, Rev. Brown, that I was in the hospital but she hadn't had time to visit me because of her duties as private secretary for a lawyer. Nevertheless, she added that her vacation would begin on Tuesday of the following week, would last 18 days, and that she would like to have me at her home during that time to stay with her and her husband before I returned to America. You can imagine how I felt, and I called the given telephone number immediately to inform her I would be more than glad to do so. I left the hospital two days later, and spent the happiest vacation with Eulalor and her husband, Dr. Calvin Brooks. Time flew. Fifteen days later, I packed my luggage and boarded a plan back to California. It took me only a few hours. All I can say now is that even though I risked my life several times, it was worth it. The moments I spent with my classmates will be cherished, and "may the good Lord bless and keep them 'till we meet again."

Florella Helm

Who's Who

Catherine Bonner	Best Dancers	Ralph Wade
Eulalar Starkey	Slickest	William Helm
Mary Phelps	Most Talkative	Benjamin Edwards
Etta Holland	Most Tactful	William Helm
Marie Edwards	Most Unassuming	Gerald Noel
Rachel Edwards	Proudest	David Clayborne
Mary Saunders	Best Athletes	Cletis Freeman
Elsie Stockton	Friendliest	William Brown
Rachel Dent	Most Co-operative	Joe Mattox
Glodean Taylor	Most Cheerful	Buford Mack
Mary Ross	Quietest	Raymond Brown
Florella Helm	Best All Around	Claude Watson
Vernell Mack	Most Unconcerned	Andrew Cobbs
Barbara Potter	Best Singers	Floyd Holland
Mary Phelps	Biggest Filibusters	Cecil Edwards

Class Song

TUNE: CRYING IN THE CHAPEL

Dear friends the time has come
When we as classmates here must part;
Though there are tears in our eyes,
There is joy in our hearts.
Now our happy days are over,
Old class of '55;
We'll be loyal dear Old Franklin
As from day to day we strive.
We'll hope and we'll pray
And we'll do our best
To journey
And secure happiness,
We hate to leave our Alma Mater
That stands so proudly on a hill,
We hope you there will ne'er forget us;
For our memories linger still.

Now that the day has come to parting,
Each one must walk the path of life,
We've trod this path along together
Through hard trials and through strife.
This is a sorrowful parting,
But it's something we must do;
"Lift up your heads and be ye lifted up"
The best is waiting now for you.
We've hoped and we've prayed
And we've done our best
We've journeyed
To secure happiness,
Farewell to dear Old Franklin,
'Tis true we all must say adieu;
We've learned the lesson of devotion
From all angles and all views.

Yearbook Staff

Editor-in-chief----------David Clayborne

Assistant Editor----------Buford Mack

Athletic Editors------Claude Watson and Barbara Potter

Business Manager----------Andrew Brown

Advertising Managers---Florella Helm and Mary Saunders

Activity Editors------Ben Edwards and Catherine Bonner

Secretary----------Rachel Edwards

Personalities

WILL THERE EVER BE A TIME WHEN:

Andrew Cobbs will stop letting hogs bite his fingers off?
Ralph Wade will put away his childish ways and grow up?
Catherine Bonner will stop being moody?
Etta Holland will stop twisting in public?
Joe Mattox will stop grinning and driving the teachers' cars without permission?

Cecil Edwards will be in class and stop spending so much time on the bus?
Cletis Freeman will learn to pull his brakes on his car at school; so it won't run into the telephone pole, and stop letting the Cops catch him without an inspection sticker on his car?

Raymond Brown will start getting to class on time and get his lesson?
William Helm will start wearing his hair short and get enough to eat?
William Brown will stop writing love letters to underclassmen and slow down on his gum-chewing before he kills it?

Andrew Brown will put as much interest in his lessons as he puts in comic books?
Mary Phelps starts getting to class on time and stop flirting around in the hall saying things to make other people angry; will get enough of one-cent cookies so she won't have to cry when someone else eats hers up?
Claude Watson will learn when to get a hair cut?

Rachel Dent can get a job and make money for her own use?
Elsie Stockton will learn to stay on a strict diet and lose some weight?
Glodean Taylor will gain some weight and learn how to play basketball?
Florella Helm will stop letting boys break her heart; coming back to her friends for advice, and start getting to basketball practices on time?

Rachel Edwards will learn how to do the "Mambo" and tell gossip just as she hears it?
Gerald Noel will stop cracking eggs when he dances?
Barbara Potter will stop crawling and start walking?
The days will be pleasant enough for Eulalar Starkey to come to school?
Buford Mack will stop digging wells long enough to stay in school?

Vernell Mack will learn how to speak out loudly?
Floyd Holland will sing professionally?
David Clayborne will stop trying to be a comedian and keep tooth picks out of his mouth?
Mary Ann Ross will stop being so quiet and start speaking up for herself?
Ben Edwards will be able to express himself fully in class without being offended?

Mary Saunders will stop interfering with her friends' love affairs and get her own straight, before she finds herself without a lover?
The boys of our class will learn how to control their appetites in the cafeteria?
The Senior Class as a whole will become more civilized and more intelligent?

The Sophomores will learn to be more co-operative?
The members of the Student Council will realize that they are to set examples for other students and stop flying around after other girls' boy friends?
The members of the basketball team will learn to stop hiding around in strange places at night and get to bed on time?

The members of the N. F. A. will realize that their organization isn't the only one on the hill?
Lelia Helm and Lucy Wade will stop gossiping about people and making laughing stocks out of themselves.
The boys on the basketball team will stop trying to give the girls on the team advice and learn how to play.

The Girls' Basketball Team will be able to stop losing games so they can play in the State Tournament.
Lastly, the student body as a whole will learn how to control themselves well enough; so they will not have to be guarded by Student Council Officers in the hall and on the way to the cafeteria?

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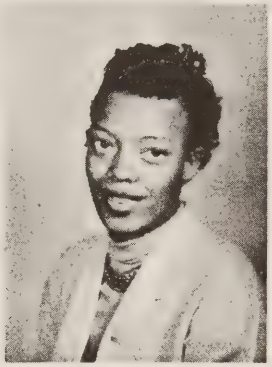
Junior Class Officers

Alberta Ramsey
President

Carlena Taylor
Secretary



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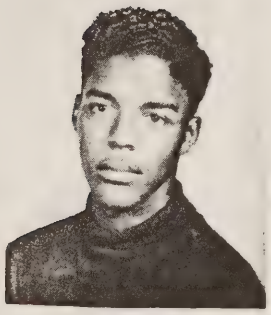

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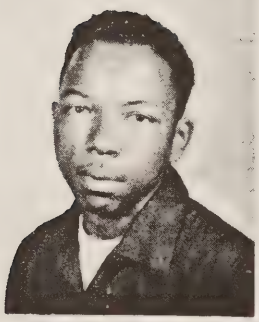

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Dorothy Cook
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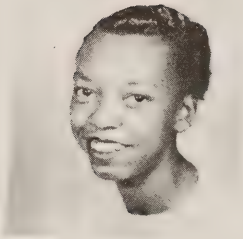
Jimmie Patterson
Sgt.-At-Arms



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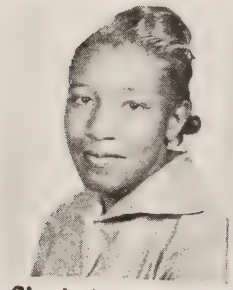

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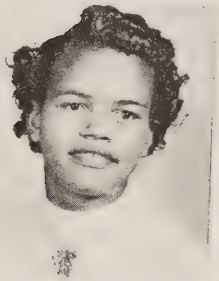

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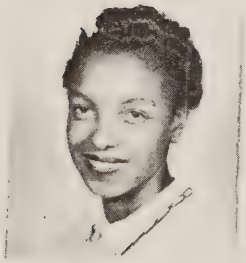

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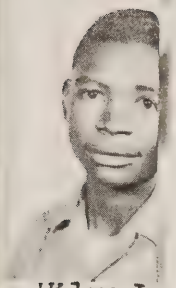


Wiley J. Cobbs

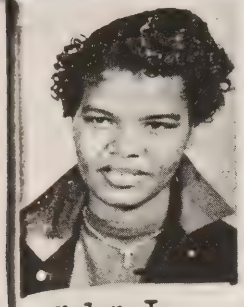
Irene Fuller

Nancy H. Holland

Virginia E Ross

The 4-H Clubs of Franklin County held their annual Achievement Day parade on October 23, 1954, during which time the N. F. A. boys sponsored a popularity contest for the purpose of choosing Miss N. F. A. who would reign on the above date.

The Queen--Miss Dorothy Brooks--center and her attendants; Miss Catherine Ramsey, left; Miss Marie Edwards, right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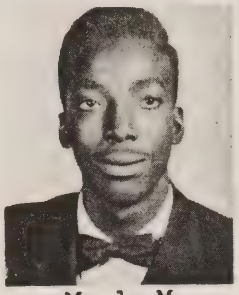
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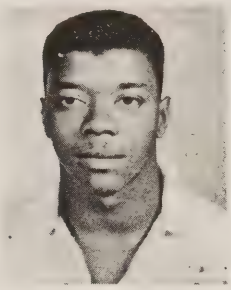
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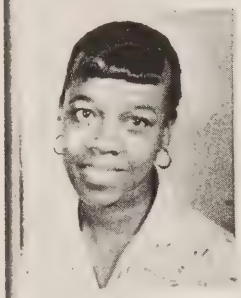
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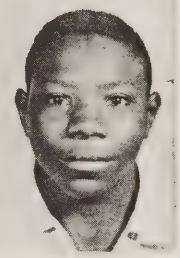
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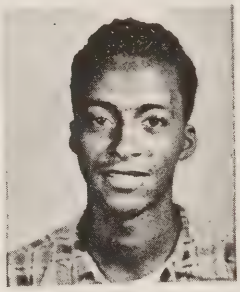
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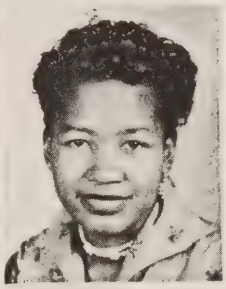
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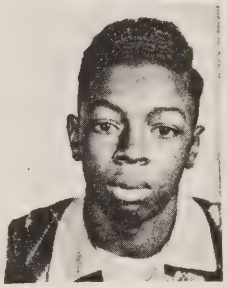
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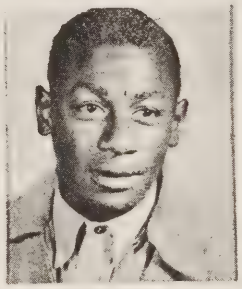
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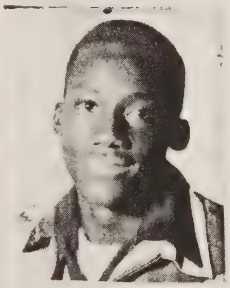
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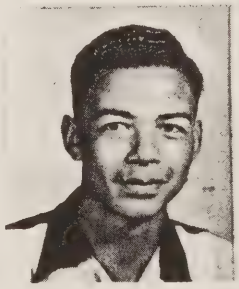
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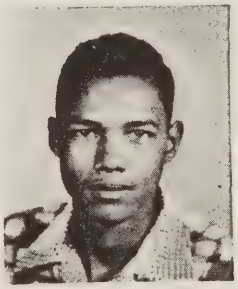
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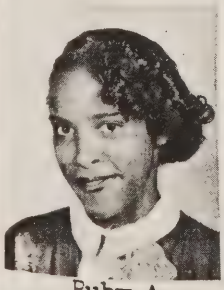
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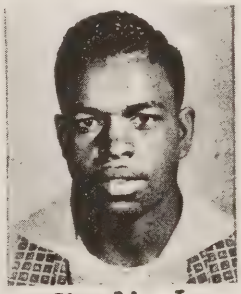
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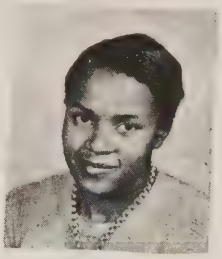

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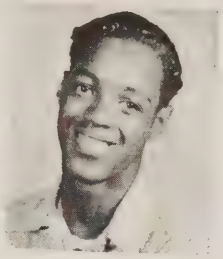

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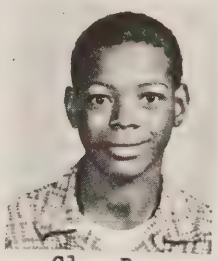

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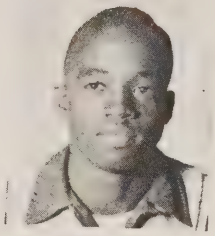

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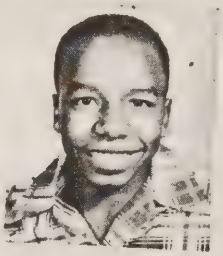

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L. to R. Senior Class: Claude Watson, Ralph Wade, David Clayborne.

THE GREAT LOVERS

L. to R., Lelia Helm, Joe Cannady, Lucye Wade, William Brown, Helen Berger, and Charlie Phelps.

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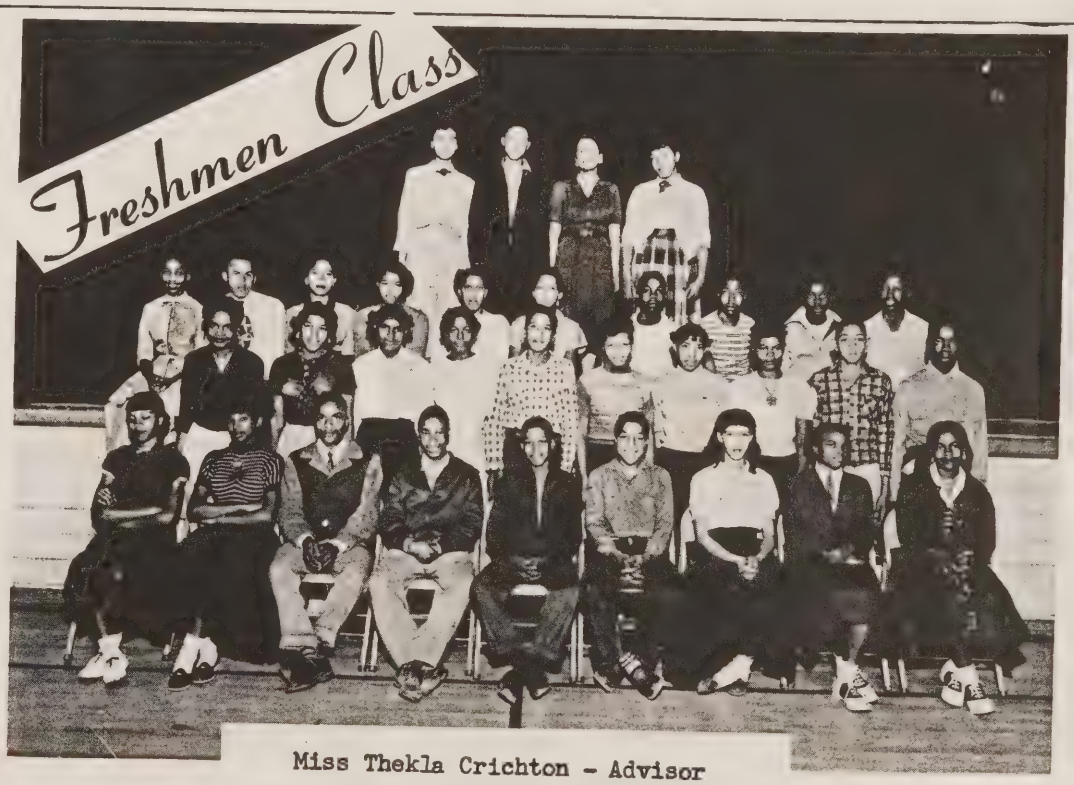

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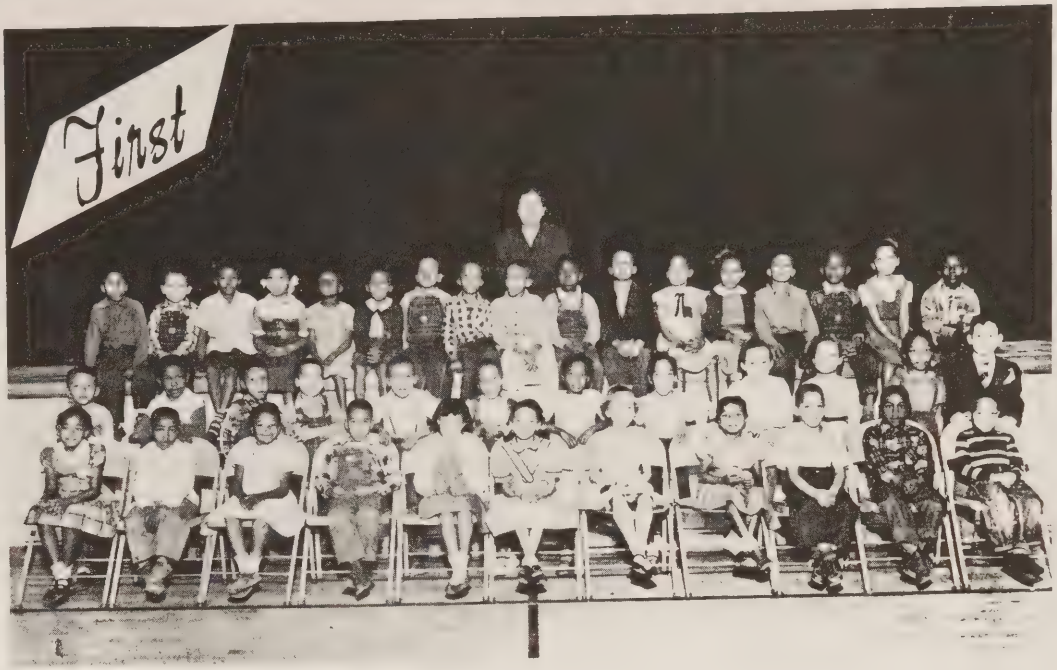

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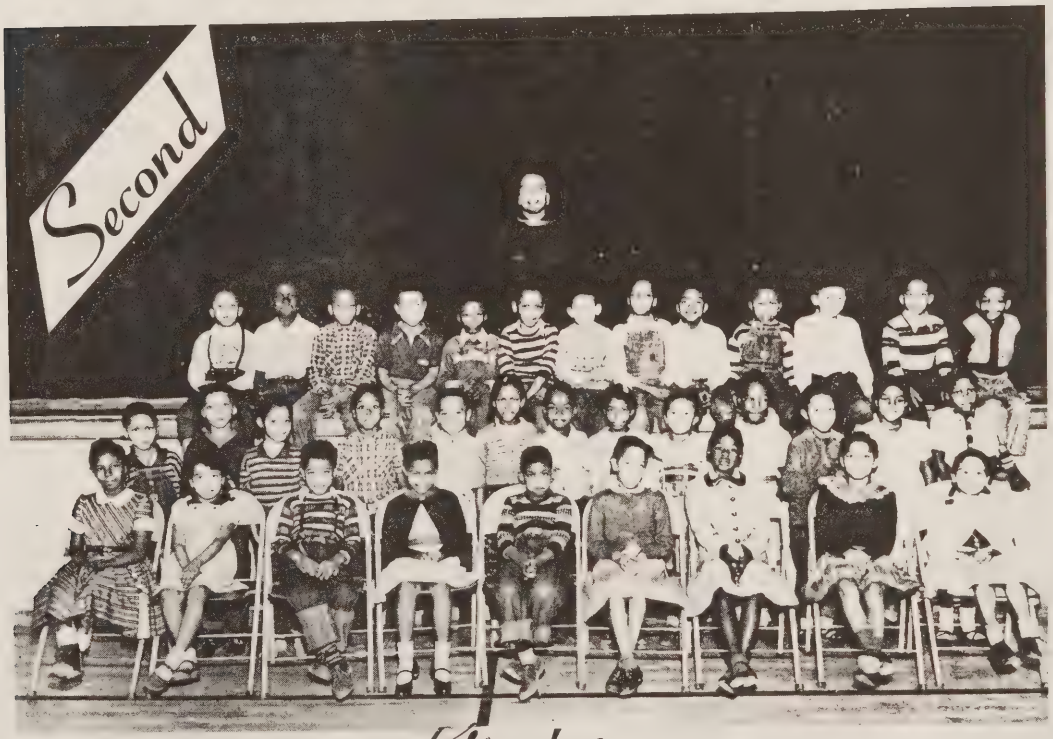

Grades

Mrs. G. P. Glaspie - Instructor

Commercial Class

An impromptu moment during the class period of typing; the members are concentrating on word and line spacing.

Mrs. L. H. Prunty, Instructor

activities

Miss S. J. Short, Director

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Mr. Howard Johnston
Director

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Dramatics Club

Miss Thekla Crichton
Director

Home Economics

Officers of The Franklin County Chapter of New Homemakers of America

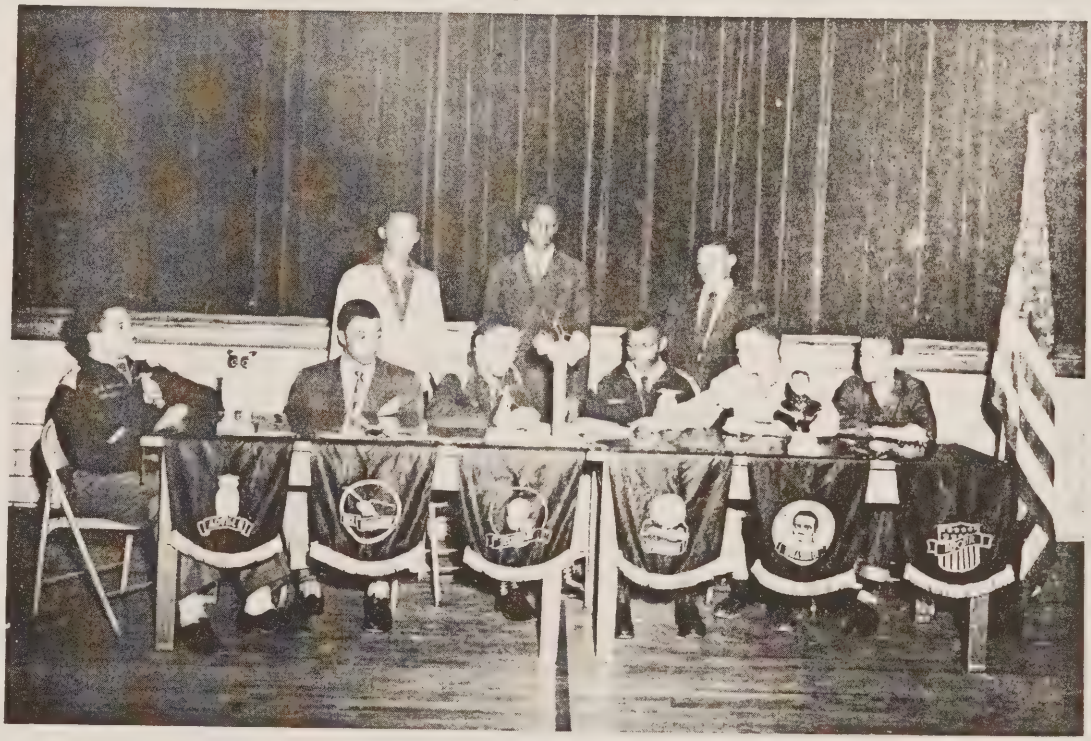
Miss Juette A. Richardson, Librarian and her Assistants

N H.A.

The Club

The Franklin County Chapter of the New Homemakers of America has 45 members. The organization is made up of girls from the Home Making classes. The Chapter was set up in 1950.

Club



Officers

Mr. R. R. Mullins - Advisor

Boys Home Ec Club

Boys are given the opportunity to learn some of the fundamentals of homemaking through a class exchange program. Gerald Noel, William Helm, Cletis Freeman, Ben Edwards, Claude Watson, and Joe Mattox prepare and serve a luncheon to the girls of the class.

Student Council

Advisors: Miss S. J. Short, Mr. R. R. Mullins

Mrs. L. P. Saunders
Mrs. G. S. Dunnaville

4-H Leaders

Mrs. M. A. Holland
Mrs. R. P. Poindexter

4-H Officers

Senior

Home Room

Mrs. Willie J. Hicks
INSTRUCTOR

Students are working on a Christmas project.

Cheer Leaders

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Mary F. Saunders
Debutant

Miss Saunders has as her escort Claude Watson; both are seniors of The Franklin County Training School. Sponsored by The Franklin County Training School Alumni and presented by The Altruist Club, Roanoke, Virginia.

Bus Drivers

School Days

School Calendar

September

6 - It's grand to begin with a holiday. Labor Day.
7 - Back to school. My! Too hot for words.
28 - Lecture and demonstration by Appalachian Power Company.

October

1 - Listened to World Series.
2 - Seniors' Barn Dance.
8 - Party given by seniors.
11 - N. F. A. boys took tobacco to the Fair in Danville.
16 - Senior Day at A. & T.
23 - 4-H Achievement Day.
29 - Halloween Carnival by Athletic Association.

November

2 - Beautiful snow and Student Council Election Day. Were you elected?
11 - A forum presented by the Senior Government Class. "Schools In The South"
12 - Uncle Herm and his Boogies And Blues visited our school, and did we have fun?
19 - Uncle Hern did it again! Everybody dressed as "Kids" and danced to his music.
23 - Took pictures for Yearbook.
24 - School out for Thanksgiving Holidays. Look out old turkey!

December

3 - Seniors' Pre-Christmas Carnival.
9 - Played Albert Harris. Girls trampled Albert Harris. Better luck to the boys next time.
10 - Junior Class had a dance, featuring Uncle Herm; again a happy time.
15 - Franklin boys played Carver in Salem.
16 - N. H. A. Social.
21 - Faculty play Mama's Angel Child.
22 - Here comes Santa Clause. Out for Christmas.

January

3 - Returned to work. Listless, tired and sleepy from the holidays.
4 - Franklin boys played Waynesboro.
5 - Franklin girls played Christianburg.
10 - N. F. A. boys leave for Harrisonburg, Va.
11 - Another holiday. Big snow.
14 - Franklin boys and girls played Gibson of Bedford.
18 - Franklin boys and girls played Waynesboro at home in the afternoon, and traveled to Bedford at night.
19
20 - School closed because of snow. Many girls were caught away from home due to the game played the night before.
28 - Franklin played Patrick Central. Victory for us.

February

1 - Franklin lost to Christianburg, but it was fun having a day-game.
4 - What an exciting game! Our girls beat Albert Harris again.
11 - Our boys lost to Carver in Salem.
16 - Franklin girls lost to Addison by one point. It was a tight game
18 - Franklin girls lost to Addison in Rocky Mount, but it was an exciting game.
21 - Our boys and girls beat Gretna again.
25 - Our last game. We beat Patrick, both boys and girls.

March

5 - Catherine Bonner represented Franklin as queen at the tournament at Carver High, in Salem.
21 - Carver in Fieldale played our girls.
28 - Boys' tournament at the school.

April

1 - Alumni Dance. All seniors invited.
8 - Social Night at Franklin, sponsored by the junior class.
12 - Talent Program.
15 - Senior Class Play "This Is The Life"
18 - Girls' tournament at the school
22 - Project by the sixth grade.

May

8 - May Day Activities.
14 - Seniors toured Natural Bridge
20 - Final Exams for seniors.
23 - Boy oh Boy! PROM NIGHT
27 - Poetry Contest closes.
29 - Baccalaureate Services.
30 - Final Exams for remainder of High School.
31 - Elementary Commencement Exercises.

June

3 - Commencement Exercises.
4 - Report cards. Hope everybody passed.

From us,

The Seniors

Junior Varsity Basketball Team

This team is composed of members from the eighth and ninth grades. Reading from left to right standing: Bobbie Muse, John Toney, Nelson Ross, Edward Muse, Douglas Reeves and Mr. S. M. Hawkins, Coach. Kneeling: Harold Muse and Cleveland Kirby.

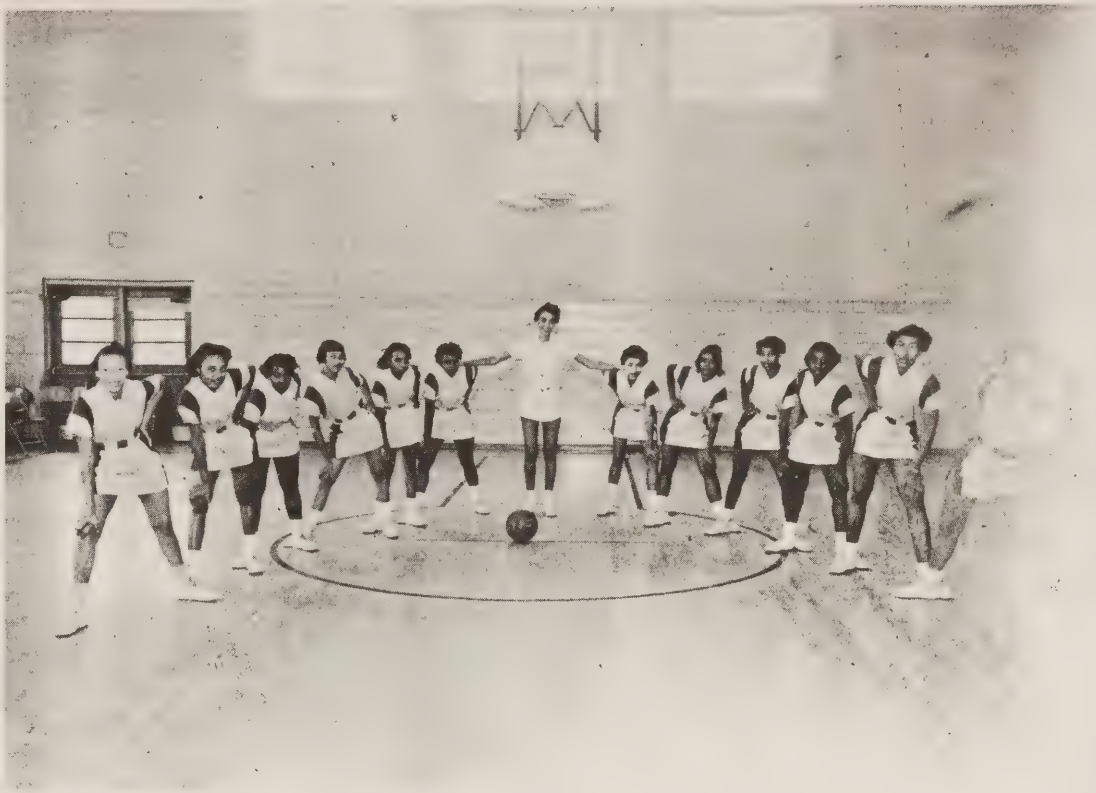
athletics

Boys' Basketball Team

Left to right standing: Mr. R. R. Mullins, Asst. Coach, Ben Edwards, Leroy Holland, Clarence McGhee, Randolph Kidd, David Clayborne, Joe Louis Cannady, Joseph Kidd, Howard Newbill and Mr. S. M. Hawkins, Coach. Kneeling: Claude Watson, Jimmy Patterson, Buford Mack, Cletis Freeman, William Helm, Andrew Brown, Joe Mattox and Charles Edwards.

1954-55 SCORES

Franklin	24		Albert Harris	49
Franklin	33		Carver (Salem)	52
Franklin	26		Rosenwald	44
Franklin	43		Christiansburg	45
Franklin	28		Simms	47
Franklin	59		Gibson	42
Franklin	33		Rosenwald	39
Franklin	51		Gibson	34
Franklin	53		Patrick Central	27
Franklin	37		Christiansburg	39
Franklin	42		Albert Harris	44
Franklin	39		Carver (Salem)	67
Franklin	41		Simms	45
Franklin	29		Northside	34
Franklin	39		Northside	20
Franklin	46		Patrick Central	32
Franklin	34	(tournament)	Christiansburg	57



Girl's Basketball Team

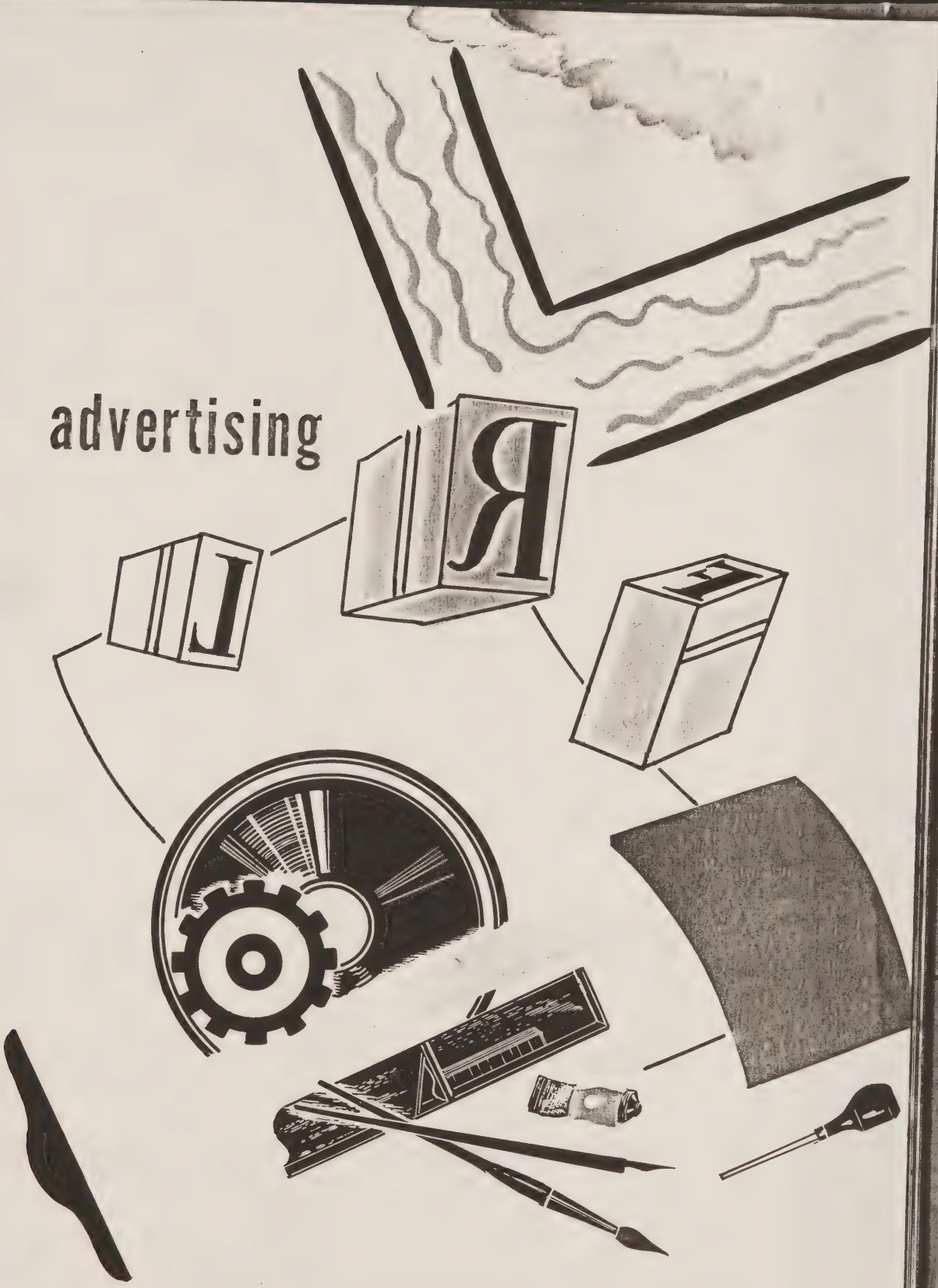
L. to R.: Dorothy Brooks, Marie Edwards, Alberta Ramsey, Irene Fuller, Marlene Edwards, Mary Phelps, Barbara Potter, Rachel Edwards, Edna Holland, Florella Helm, Mary F. Saunders, Gloria Tyree; Center: Miss S. J. Short, Coach

1954-55 SCORES

Franklin	40	Albert Harris	14
Franklin	55	Gibson	5
Franklin	35	Patrick Central	26
Franklin	40	Gibson	5
Franklin	44	Albert Harris	17
Franklin	17	Carver (Fieldale)	20
Franklin	24	Addison	25
Franklin	26	Addison	29
Franklin	20	Northside	15
Franklin	40	Northside	18
Franklin	22	Patrick Central	14
Franklin	19	Carver (Fieldale)	28

Baseball Team

Members of the Franklin County Training Baseball Team are reading left to right standing: Gerald Noel, Manager, Joe Louis Cannady, Jimmy Patterson, Andrew Brown and Mr. S. M. Hawkins, Coach. Kneeling left to right: Cletis Freeman, Buford Mack, Benjamin Edwards, Charles Edwards, Ralph Wade and Joe Mattox.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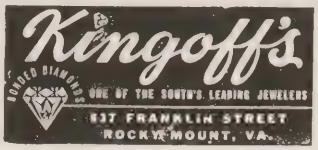

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LAST WORDS

As Staff Members, we are taking space for the last word to express our experience with the task of producing this book.

The work has not always been pleasant—we met with serious disappointments daily. It was an everyday happening to miss meals, classes, parties, and games; but as we come to the end of a perfect day, we wonder if any one is sorry now?

We have endeavored to incorporate within these pages all the activities of student life at The Training School, although some may be very brief, nevertheless, a great deal of time and money have been put into this book.

In our efforts to show our teachers how much we appreciate our training here, we have put our best into this production, and we sincerely hope that it will be received in good spirit by the faculty.

We express our gratitude and keen appreciation to all the generous friends of ours who made this publication possible.

Five months have passed by and the task is over. Days that were once gloomy now turn to sunshine. As we collect the material used in this book and close our office door, a feeling of satisfaction dawns upon us because we have done our best; we must now look to our Creator for the rest.

With an optimistic eye on the future, we gladly join our Classmates in the big drama of life. As we look back we now say with our poet, Langston Hughes:

"We have tomorrow
Bright before us, like a flame
Yesterday, a night gone thing
A sundown name.
Dawn today
Broad arches above the way we came
We march"

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